The monthly meeting of the Council for Diversity and Interculturalism of 2013-2014 was held on February 19, 2014 in the Gordon Ball Board Room at the Brenda Lawson Athletic Center. Present at the meeting were Adam Cureton, Maxine Davis, Tim Hiles, Rickey Hall, Annazette Houston, Tyler Johnson, Sandy Mixer, Althea Murphy-Price, Mary Papke (rep. sent), Anton Reece, Phyliss Shey, Rita Smith, Damien Pitts, Tyvi Small, Paul Troy, Michael Wirth, and Brian Thomas.

I. Remembering Marva Rudolph

The meeting begun with a few words on the passing of Dr. Marva Rudolph, led by the co-chairs. Following the words, there was a moment of silence to honor Dr. Rudolph.

II. Update from Commissions

Commission for Blacks
No updates were given at this time. More information is available on our website, http://web.utk.edu/~cfb

Commission for Women
The commission has been working on updating their by-laws. News on the commission for women can be found at http://cfw.utk.edu/.

Commission for LGBT people
The commission is still working their major project to have family style bathrooms be put into all new and renovated buildings. For more information and other news on the LGBT, please visit http://lgbt.utk.edu/.

BFSA
Save-the-date flyers and cooperate letters for 2015 symposium will be going out March 1. News on the association can be is located at http://web.utk.edu/~bfsa/.

III. Chancellor’s Diversity Award Update

Anton proposed to discuss with full committee about having Marva Rudolph being named the first recipient of the award and/or having the award named after her. Some discussion took place about the process of having the award named after Dr. Rudolph. Vote was passed to work on naming the award the Dr. Marva Rudolph Commitment to Diversity Award. Mike Wirth work makes a motion to make a special award to recognize the Office and Equity and Diversity as well as selecting a recipient of the Diversity Award from the pool of nominations. That motion passed.
IV. By-Laws Update
By-Law committee has not yet met to this point but the goal of the committee is to see that the by-laws reflect the ideas of Vice Chancellor Hall. The committee hopes to have some updates by next meeting and share with the council.

V. Co-Chair Nominations
The co-chairs asked members to think about anyone who they potentially like to nominate for the position of co-chair. The term is a 2 year term and the new co-chair will begin as the junior co-chair, alongside Tyler Johnson at the senior co-chair.

VI. New Business
We will reach out to the committee members about the date of our March meeting. It currently falls during spring break and there is a possibility of it being moved.

Vice Chancellor Hall shared the possibility of a fund being set up for Dr. Rudolph. Before any movement can be made on that idea, he would like to first touch base with the family. One of the potential ideas would include a scholarship. Rickey also talked about the staffing of OED and how the process of filling particular positions has been progressing. Rickey also shared that he will be meeting with a new student diversity advisory group.

National Honors Society for undergraduate and graduate disability students will be coming to campus. Applications for this have just gone out and there are approximately 300 eligible students.

VII. Next Meeting
The Council will meet on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Gordon Ball Boardroom, Brenda Lawson Athletic Center.